

Time and fate deities

Time and fate deities are personifications of time, often in the sense of human lifetime and human fate, in polytheistic religions. In monotheism, Time can still be personified, like Father Time.

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Western Asia

- Anunnaki, major Mesopotamian deities of fate
- Nabu, Babylonian god of writing, inscribed the fates
- Hutena and Hutellura, Hurrian goddesses of fate
- Istustaya and Papaya, Hittite goddesses of destiny
- Mamitu, Akkadian goddess of fate and destiny
- Manāt, pre-Islamic goddess of fate
- Namtar, minor Mesopotamian deity of fate/destiny
- Lelwani, Hittite underworld deity who also determined fates

The Philippines

- Bangun Bangun (Suludnon mythology): the deity of universal time who regulates cosmic movements^[2]
- Patag'aes (Suludnon mythology): awaits until midnight then enters the house to have a conversation with the living infant; if he discovers someone is eavesdropping, he will choke the child to death; their conversation creates the fate of the child, on how long the child wants to live and how the child will eventually die, where the child will always get to choose the answers; once done, Patag'aes takes out his measuring stick, computes the child's life span, and then departs, sealing the child's fate^[3]

- D'wata, a general name (T'boli mythology): the general term for the gods;^[4] guard lives and determine fate and destiny^[5]
- Muhen (T'boli mythology): a bird god of fate whose song when heard is thought to presage misfortune; any undertaking is immediately abandoned or postponed when one hears the Muhen sing^[6]

Zoroastrianism

- Zurvan

Europe

Indo-European

Albanian

- Fatia
- Mira
- Ora
- Zana

Baltic

- Dalia
- Deivės Valdytojos, Lithuanian group of seven goddesses who weave garments from human lives
 - Dekla, Latvian goddess of fate
 - Karta, Latvian goddess of fate
 - Gegute, Lithuanian goddess of time
 - Kruonis, Lithuanian goddess of time
 - Laima, Latvian goddess of fate
 - Veliuona, Lithuanian goddess of death, the afterlife, and eternity
 - Verpėja, Lithuanian goddess who weaves the thread of one's life

Germanic

- Norns
 - Urdr, Norn of the past
 - Verdandi, Norn of the present
 - Skuld, Norn of the future
- Sumarr and Vetr, the seasons personified
- Wyrd, the Anglo-Saxon cognate of Urdr

Greek

- Aion
- Ananke
- Chronos (a Protophenos, not to be confused with the Titan, Cronus)
- Heimarmene
- Horae
- Kairos
- Moirai
 - Atropos
 - Clotho
 - Lachesis
- Moros

Roman

- Aeternitas
- Anna Perenna
- Antevorta, goddess of the future, one of the Camēnae
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Slavic

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Other European

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- *Dii involuti*
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